

SPECIFICATION

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A forehead clearing apparatus (10) has a pair of wedge shaped modules (12) which are comprised of hook and pile strips (14, 16) wherein the pile strip (14) has a means for bonding permanently onto a headband (20) – which is a standard component on hats or caps (22) and defines the size of the hat or cap (22). One preferred means is a peel and stick backing (18) which is glued onto a headband (20). The hook strip (16) is permanently bonded to the wedge shaped module (12). By using hook and pile strips (14, 16) allows for the wedge shaped modules (12) to be readily removable (as per fig. 2) from the headband (20). The pile strips (14) are substantially longer than the hook strips (16) so that the wedge shaped modules (12) can be positioned at different places along the pile strips (14) so as to vary the distance between each of the two wedge shaped modules (12) in order to create the desired clear space across a user's forehead (24). The tapered configuration of the wedge shaped modules (12) allow for the headband (20) of the hat or cap (22) to follow the contour of a user's head at the back and gradually distance the headband (20) from the head as it goes along the sides of the head until reaching the forehead (24) where the wedge shaped modules (12) end and the forehead clearing area (26) begins. This reduces ungainly deformation of the hat or cap (22). According to the size of the wearer, various lengths are available with the accompanying pile strip (18) preferably substantially longer. The pile side of the pile strip (14) is comfortable to the wearer when the wedge shaped modules (12) are not in use such as when the temperature is cool. A simple adjustment of the headband (20), as found on most caps (22) can tighten the cap after

the removal of the wedge shaped modules (12). Elastic bands are also used on some caps or hats (22) to provide a variable degree of flexibility in the diameter of the headband (20). To provide additional comfort, the wedge shaped modules (12) have a soft corner (30) which can be a bevel or a rounded corner which provide for a softer contact on the forehead (24). The wedge shaped modules (12) are typically made of a semi rigid, spongelike or gellike core (32) with an outer shell (34) made with a soft material. Because of their semi-rigid core (32) [[the]] the wedge shaped module (12) can bend to follow the curve of the hat or cap (22) as well as of the wearer's head.

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An acceptable clearing for the forehead (24) need rarely be above 5 inches wide and for children, it rarely need be narrower than 2 inches. The wedge shaped module (12) does not need to be more than about 1/2 inch at its thickest part and rarely more than 1 inch wide. As can be seen in the drawings, the wedge shaped module (12) are positioned lengthwise along the headband (20) and have a thick end and a thin end which defines their wedged shape. The wedge shaped modules follow the contour of a user's head from the back where the thin end of the wedge shaped module (12) is located and gradually distance the headband (20) from the head as the wedge shaped modules (12) go along the head, leading to the wedge shaped modules' thick end, reaching the forehead where the wedge shaped modules (12) end.

Amendments are found in both of the enclosed marked up and non marked up specification.